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SAYS BIBLE IS OBSCURE.

"The Church the Interpreter of the Bible" was the subject of last night's conference by Rev. John Corbett, professor of Woodstock College, at S. Ignatius' Catholic Oburch, Baltimore

"The Bible," he said, "is a hard book to understand. We shall find un difficulty in admitting this if we consider for a moment the immense number of commentaries, helps, introductions and aids that have been issued from the press to assist people in getting at the correct sense of the sacred writers. Some of this obscurity arises no doubt from the profound mysteries that have been handed down in these works; other difficulties arise from our ignorance of the original languages, that have long since ceased to be spoken; others again from the meager knowledge we possess of the laws and customs that prevailed in social, civil and religious life. The first readers of St. Panl's letters were able to understand them without difficulty. They had heard him speak, they were accustomed to his style, they knew the exact Ignatius' Catholic Church, Baltimore.

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From this obscurity it was shown that the Bible needed an interpreter. The sacred character of the book, he said, made it impossible that the work of interpretation should be left to the private terpretation should be left to the private judgment of each individual. Much less could the Bible so interpreted be the sole rule of faith, he argued. One of the most important dectrines for those who believed in the Bible, he declared, was its inspiration, and the inspiration of every book was not asserted in its The alleged right of private pages. judgment has resulted inevitably in the destruction of Christain unity, he said, so much desired by Christ, and in the abaudonment of dogmatic belief among thousands outside the Catholic Church.

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After the wedding it was found the last train had gone, and they were force to stay all night at the home of the bride. They were assigned to the spare room, which contained a big old-fashioned bed. After they had placed bits of wedding cake beneath their pillows they went to

sleep.

About midnight one of the young women, swakened by a noise, aroused the others. It seemed to them that someone was trying to enter the room.

Miss Bessie arose from bed and lighted a tailow dip and saw a rat run scross the bed in which she and her companions had been sleeping. The rat jump-ed upon the washstand and commenced o eat a piece of wedding cats which it had filched from beneath one of the pi

Miss Bessie hopped back in to bed and he three frightened young women con-ulted as to the best course to pursue. "I'll tell you what to do," said Miss Haggerty, "I'll get a cup of water from the pitcher, you open the door, and may-

This was done and when the rat was doused with water it began to scamper sbout the room, and the girls, with

screams of fright, leaped back in bed again, covering their heads. The commotion awskened the house-hold and Mr. Meizger and his wife, fol-lowed by the family's fox terrier, rushed into the room to discover the cause of the commetion. The dog spied the rat and

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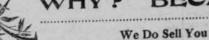
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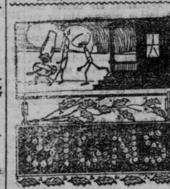
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